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Governor Walker Proclaims March 2011 to be Professional Social Worker Month in the State of Wisconsin

This month the state of Wisconsin will recognize the contributions of the thousands of professional social workers who devote their lives to bettering our families and communities. A proclamation was issued by Governor Scott Walker to declare March 2011 to be Professional Social Worker Month, a chance to recognize the dedication of these professionals and a time to thank them for their commitment.

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is proud to celebrate Social Worker month. In addition to Governor Walker's proclamation, the third annual Secretary's Caring for Kids Award will be presented by DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson to several outstanding social workers who touch the lives of Wisconsin children and families. These professionals were nominated by their peers throughout the state and selected by a committee at DCF. An awards ceremony recognizing their exemplary work will take place on March 23 at the State Capitol.

"Everyday social workers across Wisconsin assist children and parents to ensure a brighter future for our state. Their energy, compassion and dedication helps to address critical challenges such as child abuse, poverty, substance abuse, and mental illness" said Secretary Anderson. "During this month, take a moment to thank a social worker for all that they do."

In addition to the award, DCF will also launch a website campaign called "Faces of Caring" profiling other outstanding social workers who were nominated for the award or were recipients in previous years. These touching stories will be rotating on the DCF website (dcf.wisconsin.gov) all month long.

To learn more about professional social workers and the national campaign for Social Worker month, visit www.socialworkers.org.